



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number: 09/724,948 ✓  
Filing Date: November 28, 2000  
Applicants: Behrang Behin et al.  
Application Title: CAPACITIVE SENSING SCHEME FOR DIGITAL CONTROL STATE  
DETECTION IN OPTICAL SWITCHES  
Examiner: Zeev Kitov  
Art Unit: 2836

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
(Rules 136 and 17(a)-(d))

Outstanding Office Action Mailed **July 17, 2002**  
Original Period for Response Expired **October 17, 2002**  
Request for Extension of 1 Month(s) to **November 17, 2002**  
Sml. Ent. Petn. Fee Enc.: **\$55.00 (1 month)**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

In the above application, applicants respectfully petition that the period for response to the outstanding Office Action indicated above be extended for the additional month(s) also indicated above. A response to such Office Action and the above Petition Fee (Small Entity) are enclosed herewith. Since the period for the first month extension would end on Saturday, November 17, 2002, the Applicants submit that a one-month extension is sufficient if the response is mailed on the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday, i.e., Monday, November 18, 2002. Furthermore, this extension will not extend the time over the statutory period of six months from the date of the Office Action.

Very respectfully,

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